

Coffman Announces 2010 6th District Congressional Art Competition

Encourages high school students to showcase their creative talents

(WASHINGTON) – Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) today announced a call for high school students, grades 9 through 12 from the 6th District, to submit entries for the 2010 “An Artistic Discovery” Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry will be displayed as part of a year-long national exhibition in the United States Capitol.

“Our district is home to some of the most gifted students in the country. The Congressional Art Competition provides students with the unique opportunity to display their talent in the U.S. Capitol. I encourage all budding artists to submit an entry to this competition, and I look forward to seeing their work,” Coffman said.

Since the competition’s beginning in 1982, over 650,000 high school students have submitted artwork for this nationwide competition. Each high school student in the 6th Congressional District may submit one entry of two-dimensional artwork created during the 2009-2010 school year. Only paintings, drawings, and prints will be accepted. This year’s theme is, “The Artist’s Choice.” The registration deadline for student entry forms is April 9, 2010.

All entrants will have their work exhibited from April 16, 2010 through May 1, 2010 at the Philip S. Miller Library Gallery in Castle Rock, Colorado. A reception will be held on May 1, 2010 to recognize young artists, their families, and art educators. The winning artist and his/her parents will be flown to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to attend the unveiling reception held on June 17 at the Capitol. In addition, an \$8,000 scholarship will be awarded by the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design to a graduating senior exhibiting in the program.

For additional information and entry forms, please contact Ellen Cesarone in Congressman Coffman's district office by phone at (720) 283-9772, or email ellen.cesarone@mail.house.gov .

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